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Mr. Douglas Bosco
California Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

I am writing to express my support for the grant application submitted by the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District (GRRCD) for the Dutch Bill Fish Barrier Elimination Program. The GRRCD boasts demonstrated success with many restoration projects, including erosion control, fencing of critical habitat and spring development.

It is my understanding that funding for this project will remove the last existing barrier to fish passage in Dutch Bill Creek, a known coho salmon and steelhead trout bearing stream in the Russian River Watershed. This proposal, a collaboration of the GRRCD, the County of Sonoma and the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District, is a critical step toward removing an instream dam, which is a barrier to migrating salmonids.

I support the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District and believe this project will greatly benefit the 6th Congressional District. I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Alexandra Walter, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey
Member of Congress

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April 23, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support of Dutch Bill Creek Fish Barrier Elimination Project

Dear Chairman Bosco, *Doug*

I am writing to express support for the "Dutch Bill Creek Fish Barrier Elimination Project" grant proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy.

The Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District is working in collaboration with the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District to remove an existing dam, replace a community footbridge, and restore 1,000 feet of stream channel along the main stem of Dutch Bill Creek, tributary to the Russian River. The goal of this project is to remove the last existing barrier to fish passage in Dutch Bill Creek, a known Coho salmon and Steelhead trout bearing stream.

This project is the culmination of years of planning and community effort. Dutch bill Creek is extremely important for spawning and rearing habitat of salmonids, and it is critical that this project is implemented in a timely manner. I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration.

Respectfully,

Patty Berg

PATTY BERG
Assemblywoman, 1st District

cc: Lisa Hulette, Executive Director, Gold Ridge RCD

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August 19, 2008

Coastal Conservancy
Attn: Chairman Douglas Bosco
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support of Dutch Bill Creek Fish Barrier Elimination Program

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the "Dutch Bill Creek Fish Barrier Elimination Program" grant proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy. The goal of this project is to remove the last existing barrier to fish passage in Dutch Bill Creek, a known coho salmon (*Onchyrunchus kisutch*) and steelhead trout (*Onchyrunchus mykiss*) bearing stream in the Russian River Watershed.

The Gold Ridge RCD will work with the County of Sonoma and the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Remove and existing instream dam which is a barrier to migrating salmonids;
2. Restore the channel both upstream and downstream of the dam;
3. Retrofit an existing County culvert to allow for passage of fish during low and high flow periods; and
4. Replace the existing footbridge. This footbridge is the only access the community of Camp Meeker has to their US Post Office without having to walk on a main highway.

Dutch Bill Creek is extremely important for spawning and rearing habitat of salmonids, and it is critical that this project is implemented in a timely manner. I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration.

Sincerely,

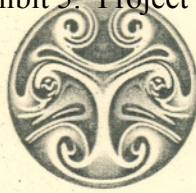
Mike Reilly
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August 18, 2008

Coastal Conservancy

Attn: Chairman Douglas Bosco
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Subject: Support of Dutch Bill Creek Fish Barrier Elimination Program

Dear Chairman Bosco,

I am writing to express support for the "Dutch Bill Fish Barrier Elimination Program" grant proposal to the State Coastal Conservancy. Over the past decade as a wildlife biologist, co-owner of the Occidental Arts and Ecology Center and co-founder of the Dutch Bill Creek Watershed Group - I have been actively involved in the community organizing and planning processes supporting the removal of the Camp Meeker Dam and the modification of the Market Street culvert.

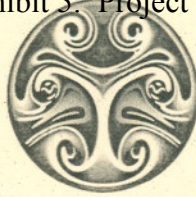
I fully support the Gold Ridge RCD and their goal to remove the last existing barriers to fish passage in Dutch Bill Creek, a known coho salmon (*Onchrynchus kisutch*) and steelhead trout (*Onchyrunchus mykiss*) bearing stream in the Russian River Watershed.

The Gold Ridge RCD will work with the County of Sonoma and the Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District to accomplish the following tasks:

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Dutch bill Creek is extremely important for spawning and rearing habitat of salmonids, and it is critical that this project is implemented in a timely manner. In addition, the highly visible location of this project will provide for significant community education and an accessible living laboratory for watershed restoration practitioners from far and wide.

I urge you to give this application your full and careful consideration. Please do not hesitate to have your staff contact me for further information, as needed.

Sincerely yours,

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OAKLAND, CALIF.



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April 30, 2008

Mr. Doug Bosco, Chair
California Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612
VIA FACSIMILE: (510) 286-0470

Subject: Support of Dutch Bill Creek Fish Barrier Elimination Project

Dear Chairman Bosco,

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I am writing to express support for the "Dutch Bill Creek Fish Barrier Elimination Project" State Coastal Conservancy grant proposal.

The Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District and Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District are working together to remove an existing summer dam, replace a community footbridge, and restore approximately 1000' of stream channel along the mainstem of Dutch Bill Creek, a tributary to the Russian River. The goal of this project is to remove the last existing barrier to fish passage in Dutch Bill Creek, a stream known to bear coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

This project is the culmination of several years of planning and collaboration. Originally championed by the Dutch Bill Watershed Group, this project has grown into the first partnership between Camp Meeker and the Gold Ridge Resource Conservation District, and we welcome the chance to add the State Coastal Conservancy to the growing list of project partners. We are very excited to have this opportunity to restore such an important ecological and community resource. Thank you very much for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,


Aimee Crawford


Gary Helfrich

Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District
Dutch Bill Project Subcommittee